(d) The Government of Maharashtra has reported that with the progress of the implementation of the rehabilitation packages, the number of suicides by farmers have declined. Government has also implemented the "Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme" for farmers for mitigation of distress due to indebtedness.

Diversion of foodgrains meant for flood relief

†*109. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI:
SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instead of distributing among beneficiaries, thousands of quintals of rice and wheat made available as a nutritional food and flood relief measure by Central Government, for the years 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05, was sold in black market in Khutauna and Laukahi blocks of Madhubani district in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) As reported by State Govt. of Bihar, based on a preliminary inquiry, departmental action has been initiated against two officers. Further details are awaited from the State Government.

Reduction in production capacity of fact

†*110. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production capacity of Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited has gone down in the current year since the year 2004;

(b) the amount of fall in production capacity;

(c) whether reservations thereto have been expressed by the Comptroller and Auditor General; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (d) The Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd. (FACT) has two units located at Udyogmandal and Cochin, Kerala. The installed capacity and production of products is as follows:-

	Installed capacity (MT)	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
					Production / in Tonnes
Factamfos 20:20	633500	560788	745902	721202	425530
Ammonium Sulphate	225000	200564	172986	183490	30478
Caprolactam	50000	44932	38666	41327	6759
Urea	330000	--	--	--	--

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

With the introduction of New Pricing Scheme (NFS) for Urea *w.e.f.* 01.04.2003, the earlier system of calculating the Retention Price on cost plus basis was replaced by group based normative cost. The Ammonia-Urea Plants of Cochin division stopped production since 1st April 2003, as it was economically unviable for FACT to produce urea under the NPS.

There were also under recoveries in Production of factamphos (20:20:0:13) and Ammonium Sulphate as both these products have sulphur as an ingredient which was not covered under the erstwhile Price Concession Scheme, for complex fertilizers.

The production capacities of the company have not gone down and have remained the same since 2004. However, the production of various products was seriously affected during 2007-08 because of the liquidity crunch faced by the company and also due to the steep and unprecedented increase in the prices of feedstock, Naphtha and raw materials like Sulphur, Rock Phosphate etc., coupled with shortage in availability of these materials.

In order to sustain the operations of the company a one time grant of Rs.200 Crore was given to the company in March, 2008. Besides, Government of India has implemented a new pricing policy based on the recommendations of the Tariff Commission effective from 01.04.2008 approving sulphur as a nutrient for subsidy. Similarly, subsidy on Ammonium Sulphate has also been restored. As a result of all these measures, the company has reported improved production and capacity utilization in the first six months of the current financial year.

	April-September, 2008
	Production / in Tonnes
Factamfos 20:20	216293
Ammonium Sulphate	44528
Caprolactam	8493
Urea	--

The C&AG has not made any reservation /observation regarding fall in production capacity of the company.

Salient features of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

*111. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of the Special Agricultural Plan under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana; and

(b) the progress made so far in the implementation of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The States are required to formulate District Agricultural Plans (DAPs) articulating the vision for agriculture and allied sectors within the overall development perspective of the district in the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). The DAPs would reflect the financial requirement and source of financing the agriculture development plan in a comprehensive way including the resources available from other existing schemes, such as Backward Regional Grant Fund (BRGF), National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), Bharat Nirman etc. The DAP would include, *inter alia*,